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1. On 30 October 1950, 76 officers from the U.S.S.R. arrived in the Heiterblick Kaserne, Leipzig, bringing the total officers in the installation up to 102, including two colonels and 16 majors. It was learned that officers from the installation were being detached to Grimma and Wurzen. *
2. The unit in the barracks installation was commanded by Colonel (Tank Troops) Gregor Romanov, who was billeted in the barracks with his family. Colonel Romanov's adjutant was Major Leonchenko (fmu). **
3. German workmen said that the Heiterblick Kaserne was occupied by a regimental headquarters and one battalion. The other two battalions of the regiment were stationed in Grimma and Wurzen, respectively. The barracks building next to the guardhouse quartered a tank company and half of the personnel of a second tank company. The barracks buildings in the rear of the first building quartered the remaining personnel of the second tank company and the SP artillery company. Three other buildings of the installation were occupied by the AT artillery company and the motor transport companies. The AT artillery company had no guns at the time of observation. ***

25X1A Comment. The officers who arrived in Leipzig on 30 October 1950 are believed to have belonged to those officers who, coming from the U.S.S.R. in large shipment have been reassigned to military posts from Frankfurt/Oder.

25X1 Comment. The first incoming shipments of officers were observed on 5 November 1950. However, with the present report stating that the officers arrived in Leipzig as early as 30 October 1950, it is probable that shipments of officer replacements from the U.S.S.R. had already arrived in Frankfurt/Oder in late October 1950. The officers who arrived in Leipzig were apparently also destined for elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div at other military posts.

25X1A *Comment. Colonel Gregor Romanov is believed to have been the commanding officer of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, which is carried as being located in the Heiterblick Kaserne.

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*** [redacted] Comment. Source's statement that elements of the regiment are also located in Grimma and Wurzen is considered improbable. It is believed that only some of the components of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt were in the installation at the time of observation. Elements of other regiments of the 8th Gds Mecz Div are stationed in Grimma and Wurzen.

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